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**Massage arm****Claims**

10 1. Massage arm (1), comprising a massage element (2), for a  
message unit that can be incorporated into a message chair  
or similar, where said message arm (1) is hinged on at  
least one shaft that can be moved by a drive in the  
message unit and is connected to the message element (2)  
15 by a ball-and-socket joint (3), where the ball-and-socket  
joint (3) displays a ball head (9), located on the end  
opposite the articulated connection (5) to the shaft,  
which is mounted in a ball socket (10) located on the  
message element (2), and the ball head (9) displays an  
20 extension (11) projecting beyond the ball socket (10) for  
connection to the message arm (1), and the message element  
(2) displays a supporting part (6) with message bodies (7)  
for acting on the human body located on one side of the  
supporting part (6), c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n  
25 t h a t the ball head (9) displays two opposite pins  
(12), which engage opposite openings (13) in the ball  
socket (9), the openings (13) are of elongated design  
towards the edge of the ball socket (10) and closed at the  
edge, such that the pivoting angle of the ball-and-socket  
30 joint (3) in the plane formed by the two longitudinal axes  
of the openings (13) is restricted to a predetermined  
range, the ball socket (10) is provided with a U-shaped  
groove (14) that is open towards the edge of the ball  
socket (10) and into which the extension (11) can be  
35 pivoted, and the supporting part (6) consists of two  
halves, in the parting line area of each of which one half

of the ball socket (10) is integrally molded on the supporting part (6) in one piece on the side of the supporting part (6) opposite the massage bodies (7).

- 5    2.    Massage arm according to Claim 1,    c h a r a c t e r -  
i z e d   i n   t h a t   the supporting part halves and the  
ball socket halves are each designed as plastic parts,  
injection-molded in one piece.